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Amendments to the Specification:

Please

Amend the heading on Page 1, Line 4 as follows:

Description Field of the Invention

Insert before line 9 on page 1 the following heading:

Description of the Prior Art

Delete the paragraph at line 10 on page 2 as follows:

~~According to the invention, this object is achieved by the steps of Patent Claim 1.~~

Insert before line 12 on page 2 the following heading:

Summary of the Invention

Amend the paragraph that starts at line 5 of page 3 as follows:

This involves terminating communication operations which are in progress and subsequently interrupting the communicative connection between the pluggable electrical unit to be removed and the base unit via the switching means. The communication connections between all the units remaining in the system are in this case continuously maintained. This avoids disruptions in the ~~rump~~ system.

Insert before 11 on page 3 the following heading:

Description of the Drawing